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Brampton celebrates street naming for Sikh founder

Brampton Wards 9 & 10 Councillors Gurpreet Singh Dhillon (left) and Harkirat Singh (right) were on-hand this past weekend to unveil a new sign named after the founder of Sikhism. The ceremony, attended by nearly 300 residents on Saturday, saw the two Councillors unveil the sign, "Guru Nanak Street", which will be placed at a Council-approved location later this year. The ceremony also included the planting of a commemorative tree at Gore Meadows Community Centre to .

Guru Nanak Dev ji's Gurburab, is a Sikh festival which is celebrated with a lot of fervour and excitement in many parts of India and around the world by Sikh and Punjabi communities alike. Most Sikh festivities are centered around the birth of their ten Gurus, who helped shape the religion and preach the importance of religious devotion. As the name suggests, Guru Nanak Gurburab celebrates the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who is the first Guru of the Sikhs and the founder of Sikhism.

Born into a Kshatriya (warrior) family on Apr. 14, 1469 in the village Talwandi in Lahore, Pakistan, Guru Nanak was the son of Mehta Kalu Chand and Mata Tripta Devi. His devotion led him to leave his family to become an advocate of God's teachings, impressing upon the fact that there is no Hindu or Sikh or Muslim, that we all are the children of God and should recite his name during duress or eu-stress. Over 2,000 Sikh pilgrims from India arrived at Gurdwara Nankana Sahib in Pakistan's Punjab province to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, ahead of the opening of the land-mark Kartarpur Corridor. The Kartarpur gurdwara is where Guru Nanak spent his final days.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will open the Kartarpur Corridor ahead of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak on Nov. 12. Look inside this week's issue of Peel Weekly News for additional coverage. (Submitted Photo)



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Lakeview Village gets the greenlight



by Alex Gregory

A concept rendering of the design for Lakeview Village, as outlined in the "4.0" Master Plan submitted to the City of Mississauga by Lakeview Community Partners. The plan was approved at the city's regular council meeting Wednesday morning. (Submitted)

After several years of consultations and feedback from the community, Mississauga councillors approved a master plan Wednesday morning to revitalize the Lakeview Lands, bringing more than 8,000 units to the city's south end.

The master plan, approved at the regular council meeting, sets out a framework for development of the site, which spans 177 acres and would see mixed-use development comprising condominiums, local landmarks, distinctive community themes and more being built over the next 15-20 years. The brainchild of community advo-

cates, including former Ward 1 Councillor Jim Tovey, the project will move into the development application phase with additional community consultations and by-law/official plan amendments planned.

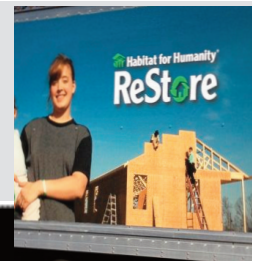
Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie said Wednesday that the city is one step closer to creating a series of walkable, livable communities that span the length of Lakeshore Road in the south end. "The transformation of our waterfront will drive tourism, foster innovation, spur economic growth and attract a new generation to Mississauga," said Crombie. "Few cities in the world have

the opportunity to develop 250 acres of their waterfront. The potential here is enormous."

The development sits on the former site of the Lakeview Generating Station, a decommissioned coal-fired power plant which was demolished in 2005. Since then, community partners and builders have worked together to create a framework for the site, with a partnership of developers eventually taking the reins to develop a detailed master plan for the lands.

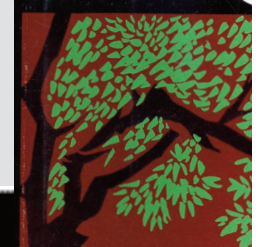
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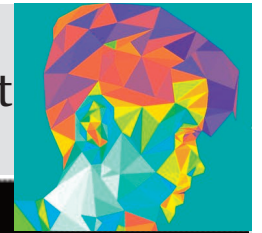
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\$5k in donated tools stolen from local charity

by Alex Gregory

A Mississauga-based charity is feeling the pinch after a trio of brazen thefts earlier this month.

Several thousand dollars worth of donated tools were stolen from several donation and salvage trucks owned by Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga (HMHM), a non-profit charity that builds affordable housing for qualified homeowners, on Nov. 1.

The theft is the second in only a month-and-a-half, following a similar robbery that occurred in September and saw the trucks acting as a prime target for thieves, who had also made off with tools and supplies. The Nov. 1 robbery was followed by a third incident this past weekend at the organization's Burlington location, in which the trucks were once again targeted.

More than \$5,000 worth of tools were stolen during the first two robberies alone, said Habitat spokesperson Rebecca Mitchell.

"As a charity, we rely heavily on the donations of oth-

ers, so to have \$5,000 worth of donated product stolen is devastating," said Mitchell.

The tools and supplies were donated to the organization by Milwaukee Tool, said Mitchell, who indicated that HFHMH relies on donations to operate effectively.

HFHMH, which was founded in 1999, recently celebrated its twentieth year of operation, and has helmed multiple housing projects throughout Peel Region and nearby Halton Region.

The matter was also addressed earlier this week by HFHMH CEO John Gerrard, who said that he doesn't understand why thieves would target a charity.

"We do our best to ensure that our assets are secured properly; we've taken additional precautions to keep this from happening again," said Gerrard. "We are incredibly disheartened. To have these tools donated by Milwaukee was huge for us... to have them stolen now is a great loss."

In a statement Monday, the

organization said that aside from its mission to supply affordable housing in the community, they also offer free kitchen deconstructions, which help generate product that is subsequently sold by the ReStores, located

throughout the GTA, which bring in needed revenue to build affordable housing.

"The theft of these tools greatly impacts the charity's ability to continue this program," said Gerrard.

The organization is cur-

rently working on its largest build project to date, an 18-townhome community located in Burlington. The organization said Monday that it hopes to have the first nine homes completed by the end of the year.

Support from the community is being accepted, with the organization stating that anyone who wants to donate new or gently-used tools to offset the losses can do so by calling HFHMH at (289) 208-1940.



Brampton hospital proposal stalls out at Queen's Park

by Alex Gregory

So close, yet so far.

Following revelations last week regarding sustained overcrowding at Brampton Civic Hospital, several local MPPs made an ultimately-unsuccessful push to force the province to commit funding to a new hospital in the city.

"Hallway medicine means parents are forced to cradle their crying child, waiting hour after hour to see a doctor, and it means patients are often left lying on a stretcher in a hallway at Brampton Civic, with lights on 24/7 and without privacy," said Brampton Centre MPP Sara Singh, backed by Brampton East MPP Gurratan Singh and Brampton North MPP Kevin Yarde, during a press conference held Friday morning near Brampton Civic.

The remarks followed a series of statistics released by the NDP last week that

showed overcrowding at William Osler Health System, which includes Brampton Civic, Peel Memorial Hospital and Etobicoke General Hospital, exceeded 100 per cent capacity throughout the first half of this year.

The MPPs spoke about the damage overcrowding is doing to the city's quality of health care, and said that the province needs to step up give residents the hospital they "desperately need," said Gurratan Singh.

"It's an opportunity end the painfully long waits and overcrowding for Brampton families," he told media in attendance. "The NDP is going to keep fighting to bring a new hospital to Brampton and ensure the Peel Memorial Phase II expansion gets done — and quickly."

Despite that, a motion brought forward by NDP Leader Andrea Horwath was

defeated Monday morning at Queen's Park, via a 63-38 vote along party lines.

"Disappointed but not deterred," wrote Sara Singh. "We will keep pushing this government to do the right thing & invest in our health care."

As previously reported last week in Peel Weekly News, the statistics were obtained by the NDP via a Freedom of Information request.

Among other statistics, the new information reveals that the Urgent Care Centre at Peel Memorial Centre is also running at 587 per cent capacity above what it is funded for.

The health system currently employs 4,100 people across its three sites, with Brampton Civic currently serving more than 500,000 residents in Brampton and the surrounding areas.

The data obtained by the NDP revealed that in April of

this year, both Brampton Civic and Etobicoke General had an occupancy rate of 106 per cent for both surgical and medical units. At the same time, Brampton had a 104 per cent occupancy rate for its emergency department, while Etobicoke had a 104 per cent occupancy.

While the motion prompted largely-positive response on social media, others took a more critical view of the situation.

"It is easy for the NDP to offer Canadians the Sun, Moon, and Stars, they never have to deliver," wrote Twitter user @Theshells1111 in a post. "(The) Canadian HealthCare System is broken - address the cause."

The situation has attracted local and national support from politicians and party leaders, who have campaigned for Brampton hospitals to have more funding allocated. Earlier this

summer, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown launched the "Fair Deal for Brampton" petition, which seeks to urge the province to give a fair share of funding to lessen overcrowding and elongated wait times.

The situation is "mayhem", Brown said when the event was launched at the Brampton Farmers' Market in June. "We want to see at-

tention to this crisis... it's out of control."

In her remarks last week, Health Minister Christine Elliott said that the problem over hospital overcrowding began with the previous government, referring to their inaction adequately addressing the situation. The problem has been happening for several years, said Elliott.





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Separation still lingers as council pushes for motion

The fight goes on. Mississauga councillors voted unanimously Wednesday morning at their regular council meeting to push a motion requesting more autonomy within regional council, along with asking the province to "commit to order the separation" of the City from the 2022 municipal election.

The motion, put forward by Ward 5 Councillor Carolyn Parrish and Ward 9 Councillor Pat Saito, sought to make recommendations for allocating costs that are fair to Mississauga residents, as well as put more pressure on the province to re-examine the issue of Mississauga's proposed separation - a key issue during the regional review, which concluded two weeks ago.

"I thought we would look at more concrete jobs we can assign to our staff and ourselves, and go down to Queen's Park and

say, "Okay, you tied us up and it's done... but we have serious grievances," said Parrish, who held up an illustration from the book *Gulliver's Travels* which showed the title character tied down by the Lilliputians, a group of individuals who are much smaller than Gulliver.

The motion also asked city staff to make recommendations for allocating costs fair to Mississauga residents, via generating a report showing the impact of financial services in the region.

Earlier this year, a pair of reports generated by Deloitte and Ernst & Young caused arguments and media speculation as to the true nature of which city in Peel Region subsidizes the other more, with councillors drawing battle lines as key issues like policing and regional services were debated.

Wednesday's motion calls for city staff to undertake a detailed report

of regional roads, using Ernst & Young report as a guideline.

"Deloitte told us it would cost us \$10 million in (development charges), and Ernst and Young said that wasn't right. We gave in too easily," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie, who also brought up the nature of proportional representation, highlighting the Town of Caledon in the process.

"Caledon has 66,000 people, yet they have five votes. That has to be looked at carefully," said Crombie.

The Mayor also took shots at Premier Doug Ford, indicating that he had made comments in the press indicating he was sympathetic to the city's need to stand alone, but seemingly backtracked with the final decision.

"Given this motion, we'll come to (Ford) with our suggestions. This is a more positive thing... we haven't put together a

simple proposal we can take to Queen's Park... and show them how we're being unfairly treated," said Crombie. "We were given false hope that there would be a regional review, that something would be done... and we were misled."

Saito said she would love to see a decision made before she retires, and spoke about the history of Mississauga's separation, which dates back to the mid-90s under former Mayor Hazel McCallion's reign.

"I think we need to focus on those issues that we can get resolved, and the representation on Regional Council is one we can push for," said Saito, who indicated that police funding will also be critical.

Referring to the Deloitte report as "illegal", Crombie indicated that there is a "fundamental inequity" in the region, and that she hasn't given up on the

matter. "We are an anomaly to the other reviews that have been done... if we can stand on our own two feet, so can Brampton," said Crombie, who said she would be interested in meeting with Housing Affairs Minister Steve Clark and seeing if the city can craft a path forward.

"I haven't given up, and I still feel very strongly and passionately about reducing waste and inefficiency," she told the rest of council.

"I think it's important we don't beat ourselves up too much over what we could have done differently," said Ward 7 Councillor Dipika Damerla, who suggested in her remarks that the province lost the "political guts" due to the situation.

The motion will be brought up at today's regional council meeting. Keep watching Peel Weekly News for further developments.

Council approves master plan for Mississauga waterfront

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While community groups have campaigned for more reasonable density on the site, the project won support from residents and city staff, who said the master plan outlines an ideal community for the waterfront.

The Plan sets out an urban framework that defines the character of Lakeview Village. It creates the foundation for the development of mixed-use, multi-modal, green and innovative neighbourhoods on the site.

"We wanted to ensure this Master Plan was in place before we considered any Official Plan amendments," said the city's planning commissioner, Andrew Whittemore. "The development of the Master Plan allowed us to more closely examine the built form and density. We were also able to more fully engage with the community, than what would have been possible under the original Official Plan process."

The community made their views known at several workshops and site tours held over the last two years, with refinements being made after

presentations shown to the city's Planning and Development Committee this past spring and summer. Lakeview Community Partners (LCP), the development group behind the project, hired Boston-based architects Sasaki to draw up a revised design for the site, and the framework received further refinements through community input.

Both LCP and Sasaki were on-hand last Monday for a presentation in front of the Planning and Development Committee, which approved the master plan to go to Council.

"A complete community means it has more uses than just residential," said Paul Schlapobersky of Sasaki, who presented the updated master plan at last week's committee meeting. "Public input (in regards to build form) has really helped to shape this plan."

The project aims to build 8,020 units at the site, via mid-rise condominiums that are expected to see at least 15,000 residents move to the community. In their presentation, the architects said that they were looking at a pro-

posed 133 units per hectare in terms of density.

"We believe you have to iterate your way to greatness," said Schlapobersky. "I believe we've made the plan considerably better."

The revised plan also won support from residents, including Andrew Profenna, a local who moved to Lakeview two-and-a-half years ago.

Profenna said during a presentation to the committee that he joined LCP's "Community Influencer

Group" to show his support for the project, and that the development on the waterfront was part of the reason why he and his family moved to the area.

"I know one small voice can't make a major difference, but I wanted you to know the perspective of someone who wants to live here for the next 40, 50 years," he said.

In a statement, the city said that it will now review submitted development applica-

tions and consider amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

Ward 1 Councillor Stephen Dasko said Wednesday that the approval was a big win for the community, and thanked them for the time and energy they contributed to the consultations.

"We will continue to work with our community partners to ensure we can create something for generations to enjoy," Dasko told Peel Weekly News.



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Opinion

Why are Canadian schools hiding violence statistics?



Surjit Singh Flora

Column

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) published a series of more than half a dozen articles this week detailing the violence, racial discrimination, racism and attempts to publish facts in Canadian schools.

The broadcaster's attempt is praiseworthy, but the performance of governments, schools and school boards is alarming. These CBC reports are based on conversations with more than 4,000 students, for which CBC hired the 'Mission Research' firm to conduct the survey.

Prior to this survey, CBC had asked school boards and education officials across Canada to track their statistics on school violence. Many did not, and many laid down clear terms for releasing information, including hundreds of dollars in fees.

Because of this difficulty, the CBC conducted the survey after speaking directly to more than 4,000 students. The CBC has described its findings in installments as the survey is very extensive.

According to the survey, four out of every ten boys said they were victims of slaps, punches, kicks and bites in schools. The CBC also cited several examples of violence, sexual harassment and discrimination in these reports. The survey also describes the status of different states and regions.

According to the report, school violence is higher in high schools in the Greater Toronto area than in other areas of Ontario, while the rate of violence is lower in Quebec. There are more cases of sexual harassment in the eastern provinces.

According to the report, one in every seven schoolgirls is the victim of sexual assault. This includes forcibly performing or forcibly acting against a victim. At least three out of every 20 girls face this type of sexual assault. Addition-

ally, the prevalence varies from grade 7 to 10 and then decreases in senior grades. Attackers also threaten victims to remain silent.

According to the report, schoolboys are also subjected to sexual harassment and assaults. 41 per cent of boys are subjected to violent attacks and 21 per cent of boys are threatened with some kind of weapon.

Bullying cases are now a topic of discussion. Parents understand that schools do not take action when they are told about the possibility of a potential attack or repeat attack. The mother of a boy who was the victim of a life-threatening violent attack in Hamilton has also spoken out against the school her child attended.

The report states that in many cases, appropriate action is not taken against the attackers. Even more worrisome is the fact that schools and school boards do not record such incidents. The CBC has provided several examples of this.

Citing Ontario schools, the report says last year, according to the Ministry of

Education, school boards registered 2,124 violent attacks, with ten violent attacks occurring in the state every school day.

Surprisingly, 18 school boards in the state did not report a single violent incident in several years. Four school boards have never sent a report to the Ministry for several years. 77 per cent of schools did not mention a single violent incident last year. Not all of these are in line with CBC's survey results, which polled more than 4,000 students.

According to the report, the Hamilton-Wentworth School Board did not record a single violent incident from 2014 to 2017. The board is a group of 143 schools, including the Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in Hamilton, where a 14-year-old student was murdered in the school just a few weeks ago in a fatal attack.

When the CBC pressed for information on the school board, the school board reported 51 violent incidents during these years, three of which took

place at the school.

An investigation by the CBC discovered that there were about half a dozen other incidents in the school system that the Board never reported to the Ministry of Education and those mentioned in local media.

When schools and school boards are painstakingly reporting such cases, the 'clerical' error is attributed to non-reporting.

School boards have become princely states that consider themselves above the law. Together with public sector unions and vested interest groups, school boards have become the key to a certain kind of political and social change that is not in their jurisdiction.

It is the responsibility of these schools and school boards to provide good quality education in a peaceful environment, which they have stuck to. Instead of 2 + 2 and ABC, these institutions prefer to give elementary children sex education.

Powerful unions now work to change govern-

ments, stop governments, and form governments. It is also part of the political and social brainwashing of school children.

Drugs are routinely sold in and near schools, but these schools and boards seemingly don't care. Drug addiction in children is steadily increasing.

Schools, school boards and their staff across Canada have made fun of the suspicion against parents, in which children's aid societies and police forces become less partners. These institutions treat parents as criminals on the basis of slight suspicion.

These institutions are laying the groundwork for a certain kind of ideology and the common denominator is children's 'defector owners' filling their pockets (with ever-increasing salaries and perks).

Many people think that the role of these institutions is becoming 'anti-parents and anti-social'. It's time to force schools and school boards to be 'responsible'.

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Mississauga Seniors Council holds marathon annual meeting

by Catherine Soplet

Of course it ran like clockwork.

Many of the nearly 100 seniors who attended the annual general meeting of the Mississauga Seniors Council (MSC) Tuesday evening lived in Mississauga at the time of the Nov. 10, 1979 train derailment. They had been amongst the 240,000 potential casualties whose exodus from nascent Mississauga was the largest in Canadian history.

It was also the most orderly evacuation, with no loss of

human life.

After a buzzing pre-meeting networking, Past President Robert Harrick extended brief remarks to the crowd, noting how much they've accomplished over the last several years.

"Our Council first met in 2011," said Harrick, "(and we've learned that) seniors working together make a big difference."

Mississauga Seniors Council is comprised of 31 member seniors' social associations and

clubs, with a combined membership exceeding 5,000 active members. Seniors make up 100,000 residents, or one of every eight people living in Mississauga.

With a focus on affordability, health and safety, President Frank Stendardo knocked off a list of accomplishments for the year, and projects still underway.

"Thanks to Councillor Carolyn Parrish's help, we will continue to enjoy the \$1 senior off-peak fare for 2020," he

said. Another key win was a reduced rate, transferable day pass for parking at Trillium Hospital, with value-added in-out privileges. This healthcare matter was able to be addressed through Seniors Advisory Councils convened by local Members of Parliament.

"This parking fare relief helps patients and their family members in their time of need," said Stendardo. "People can drop in throughout the day."

Issues of healthcare relate to dental care in terms of infection, overall health and pain management, said attendee Cynthia Housan, with applause from the room. "The income threshold of \$19,300 is too low for people to qualify. If a senior's income is \$22,000 and they need to pay a \$3,000 bill, they aren't eligible for the cut-off."

The issue of dental care coverage seems to be getting some teeth.

When Mississauga South MPP Rudy Cuzzetto arrived for a mid-afternoon address, he flashed his "pearly whites" in response to Housan's question, and promised good news would soon be announced.

As city finance staff set up to give MSC a preview of the 2020 budget, senior's property tax specialists gave a synopsis

of advocacy across Ontario for no-interest property tax deferral until a senior homeowner's property is sold. The British Columbia model was held up as an example.

Mississauga Finance Director Jeffrey Jackson fielded many questions once the bottom-line recommended municipal tax increase was revealed: 4.9 per cent.

Expansion of city services had a focus on extending transit hours 2 per cent (or 30,000 service hours); to increase library capacity and extend public hours; to open the Churchill Meadows Community Centre in 2020; and to continue amping up cybersecurity measures to protect resident privacy.

Attention was drawn to the \$28 million investment over 11 years, to create six new fire halls in order to meet North American standards of 4.5 minutes response time to emergency 4-1-1 calls. The investment is funded by a special infrastructure levy in addition to the mill rate on the tax bill.

A number of seniors wanted to know more about why the Ontario government decided against Mississauga's secession from the Region of Peel.

"I don't like that our taxes are helping Brampton and Caledon to pay their bills," commented one senior. "We

could put that money to better use here in Mississauga."

Another senior wanted to know how the gas tax used to fund transit expansion will be placed as gasoline sales drop from reduced demand arising from the increase in transit riders. Would the difference be taken up on the hydro bills?

Mayor Bonnie Crombie picked up the conversation from the city budget team about Mississauga leaving Peel Region. She said she was disappointed with the result, after so much support was seen from the post card campaign to the Ontario government in support of Mississauga's independence.

"I encourage you to take a drive on the roads in Caledon," Crombie said. "Your property tax dollars paid for them."

In her address, Mayor Crombie spoke of the transformation of Mississauga, of keeping the Lake in Lakeview with 67 acres of public waterfront parkland, accessible by transit with the Hurontario LRT coupled with east-west Bus Rapid Transit.

A final presentation answered the question of how seniors can help take action on climate change, from tree-planting research charity ACER-ACRE Canada.



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Opinion

“Mockingbird” case highlights discrimination in Peel

by Surjit Singh Flora

Poleen Grewal, a Punjabi native who served as the head of the Equity and Diversity Department and an Associate Director with the Peel District School Board (PDSB), is facing a serious issue of prejudice against the school board.

Grewal has filed a complaint against the Peel School Board and its Education Director Peter Joshua at the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal alleging that she was the victim of racial discrimination.

PDSB hired Grewal to help oversee diversity efforts within the third largest school board in Canada. The complaint alleges that she was discriminated and retaliated against due to concerns she made publicly regarding anti-South Asian and anti-Black conduct within the board.

The allegations in the complaint paint a disturbing image of a board whose 154,000 students are overwhelmingly non-white, while its teachers and administrators are overwhelmingly white.

It is noteworthy that Grewal is the first Sikh-origin

officer to take up the position of Associate Director on the PDSB, promoted from school principal. She is the head of the department that monitors incidents of racism in the school board.

Her position is a bar down from the school board's highest level, education director, which means that the accusations made by Grewal can be serious.

In fact, Grewal faced a lot of negative publicity in the media last year. As head of the Department for Racism Prevention, it was her responsibility to enforce the school board's policy on the book “To Kill A Mockingbird”, by Harper Lee.

Written in the 1960s, this book is based on a father's job representing a black man who has been falsely accused of raping a white woman.

School board allowances for objections to the language used by blacks in the book were pressed to be removed from the curriculum, but the board came up with a policy to teach the book in such a way that the favor of black people also arose in a sensitive way.

Grewal had to face a lot of questions from the media for implementing the above board's policy. She alleges that after the implementation of the policy, the school board and the director of education began to target her over what she was supposed to do.

In a complaint filed with the Human Rights Tribunal, detailed earlier this week in a story run by the Toronto Star, Grewal said she was forced to go on medical leave for more than six months because of the board's behavior.

The complaint was actually filed in March this year, but the matter went public when a community member questioned the case of Pauline Grewal at a meeting of the school trustees on Oct. 22.

A few years ago, against the Peel District School Board, Ranjit Kaur Khatkur, a vice-principal of Punjabi-origin, also alleged that she was not discriminated for her promotion from Vice Principal to Principal by virtue of being Asian.

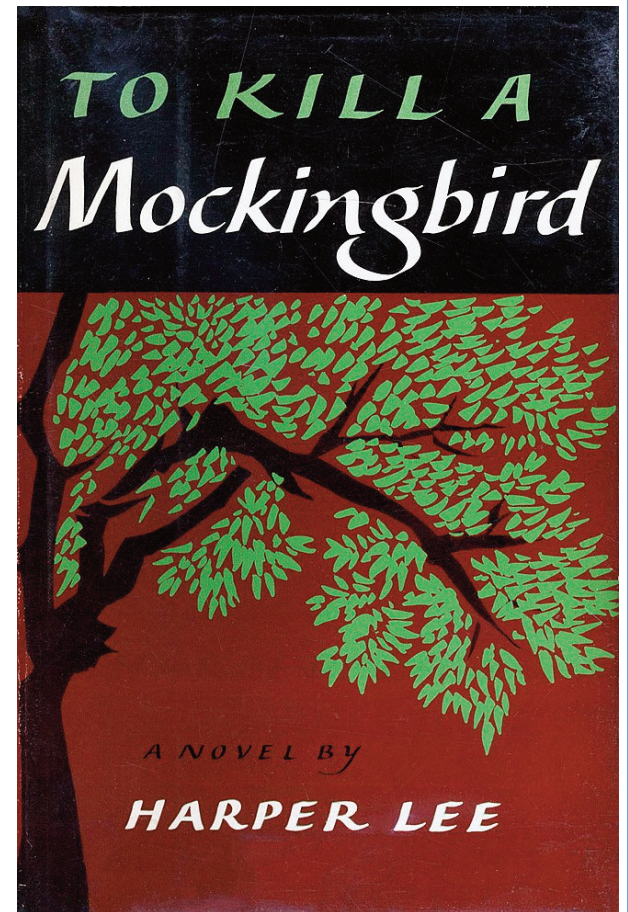
The school board settled the case with Bhatkar via a

“substantial” sum. Just a few days ago, school trustee Will Davies addressed McCrimmon Middle School in Brampton as “McCriminal”.

The matter resulted in an uproar from the school community and created a huge problem in board meetings, but it appears the board was unable to take any concrete steps, short of Davies apologizing in response to media reports.

This school has a large number of Black and South Asian students. In the past, the Black community has lodged complaints and even with the school board, and protests have been made, but no satisfactory action has been taken. Grewal has also alleged that the school board confuses them instead of addressing issues related to racism.

Although no decision has been made by the Human Rights Tribunal on the case made by Grewal, these issues indicate that racism and discrimination in Peel is still high, regardless of whether it's in education or other sectors.



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Charges laid in human trafficking investigation

Investigators from Peel Police's Vice, Narcotics and Street Level Organized Crime Unit have laid a number of charges against a Mississauga man in connection with a human trafficking investigation.

21 Division responded to a call on Saturday regarding an assault happening in the Bresler Drive and Airport Road area. Upon arriving, they located an 18 year-old Mississauga woman suffering from minor injuries.

The suspect, 27 year-old Jamar Ferguson, of Mississauga, was arrested and charged with assault.

A subsequent investigation revealed that Ferguson had been exploiting the victim in the sex trade since Oct. 2018, and exerted control over her life.

As a result, multiple charges were laid against

Ferguson on Monday, including trafficking an individual under the age of 18, exercising control and withholding or destroying documents for the purpose of trafficking.

Ferguson appeared in Brampton court to answer to the charges on Wednesday.

Anyone with additional information regarding the investigation is asked to call Peel Police at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3555.



Two under arrest after pedestrians struck in Brampton

Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau and the Major Collision Bureau have arrested one youth and one adult in relation to three pedestrians struck in the City of Brampton.

Authorities received a call around 6:15 p.m. on Oct. 26 regarding a white SUV that had struck three pedestrians on sidewalk in the area of Elgin Drive and McLaughlin Road. The vehicle, a white Honda Pilot SUV, then fled the area heading northbound on McLaughlin Road.

All three male victims were from the Brampton area, including a 17 year-old and 18 year-old, who received non-life threatening injuries. The third victim, a 17-year-old, was transported to a trauma center and remains in

stable condition.

On Sunday, two males, a 18-year-old from Brampton and a young person, whose place of residence wasn't identified, were arrested and charged with multiple offences, including failure to remain, assault and three counts of attempted murder.

Both suspects appeared in Brampton court Monday morning to answer to the charges. The youth cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Residents who were in the McLaughlin and Elgin area on Oct. 26 between 6 and 6:30 p.m., and can identify a white Honda Pilot SUV, are asked to call 22 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-3311, ext. 2233.

Young bandits nabbed in connection with robberies

Two youths are under arrest in connection with a series of brazen robberies, Peel Police revealed late last week.

The force's Central Robbery Bureau said last Thursday that the two suspects were arrested on Halloween after their crime spree, which involved three separate robbery incidents throughout the GTA.

The first occurred on Oct. 24 in the Mavis and Matheson Road area in Mississauga, when the two youths, along with a third, unidentified suspect, entered a media and communications store wearing masks. The suspects ordered two store employees head to the back of the store, and subsequently used zip ties to bind their hands. The suspects subsequently fled the scene in a dark-coloured sedan.

A similar incident occurred on Oct. 29 in the city of Aurora, when the suspects entered another communications and media store and once again ordered two employees to head to the rear of the store.

Like the first incident, the suspects bound the employees' hands with zip ties before leaving the scene, this time with stolen property.

Last Thursday, around 11 a.m. in the Bovaird Drive and Airport Road area, the suspects entered a third media store and demanded that three employees and two customers go to the back of the store. An altercation reportedly ensued, and a 67 year-old man was injured non-fatally. As before, the employees' and customers' hands were zip-tied before the suspects fled the scene with stolen property.

Peel and Toronto subsequently located two of the suspects on Oct. 31 in the Weston Road and Finch Avenue West area of Toronto, and arrested them after a foot chase. The suspects, who can't be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, face multiple charges of robbery, stolen property, wearing disguises and assault causing bodily harm.

Council approves marina for consideration in federal program

by Alex Gregory

One of Mississauga's "crown jewels" may benefit from a boost of federal infrastructure funding, as councillors in Mississauga voted to submit several projects for consideration last week.

Port Credit Marina, located in the south end of the city near the corner of Hurontario Street and Lakeshore Road, is one of several programs submitted in the city's application for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), to help with rehabilitation and expansion.

The City's General Committee approved the project for consideration last week alongside several other initiatives, including rehabilitation of the South Common Community Centre and Library, new "green" hybrid buses and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes stretching across Dundas Street and Lakeshore Road.

The decision to support the redevelopment of the Marina will be a great boost

to Port Credit, said Ward 1 Councillor Stephen Dasko.

"This moves us another step forward to ensure the 'Port' is kept in Port Credit," said Dasko, who indicated that the need for a full-service working marina in the city was supported and understood by the rest of Council.

The infrastructure program is a ten-year initiative funded by the federal government, which is intended to provide \$33 billion of total funding for projects related to green infrastructure, community and culture, public transit and rural communities.

"We are able to respond quickly and put forward a list of projects for Council's consideration as result of our deliberate, consistent and detailed capital budget planning," said city manager Janice Baker. "For transit in particular, this funding program is helping to provide the predictable and sustainable infrastructure funding needed to grow, maintain and im-

prove our current transit systems. Projects for both streams were selected based on the program criteria and knowing they could not begin until after ICIP approval is received and that they must be substantially complete by March 2027."

Currently, the city has been allocated \$282.5 million in provincial funding and \$339 million in federal funding over the next ten years for public transit projects.

The need for greater transportation in the city is something that has been reiterated time and time again by residents, Mayor Bonnie Crombie said during the discussion at last week's General Committee meeting.

"Infrastructure funding investments are important and help us build strong, vibrant communities. This funding will allow us to build a transit and transportation system that is convenient, connected, and reliable for those who live

and work here.... we are in a strong position to put forward projects that we are confident will be approved by the federal and provincial governments," said Crombie.

Around \$320 million in provincial funding and \$407 million in federal

funding has been provided for projects across Ontario that are focused on community and culture, but the process is application-based, and there is no guarantee that projects will be improved, said city staff.

Previously, the projects for the public transit

stream were submitted by the city for an Oct. 24 deadline. The projects being recommended under the Community, Culture and Recreation stream were approved by council yesterday, and will be submitted by Tuesday.



The Port Credit Marina, as seen in an undated aerial photo, is being submitted for consideration in a federal infrastructure funding program. (Photo Courtesy of Marinas.com)

New real estate report sees increase in luxury properties

After a soft start to the year, sales of luxury properties are on the upswing in the GTA, according to a new report released by Mississauga's RE/MAX of Ontario Atlantic Canada.

The real estate company, which operates a corporate office on Syntex Drive, said Wednesday that year-to-date sales of freehold and condominium properties priced in excess of \$5 million topped 100 units between January and October 31st.

This is up 8.5 per cent from the 94 sales reported during the same period one year ago, according to the company.

Against a backdrop of lower single-detached housing values, which are down about three per cent from 2018, domestic homebuyers have been steadily returning to the "uber-luxe" market, especially in Toronto.

The average price of a freehold property over \$5 million now hovers at \$6,517,143 down from \$6,726,532 in 2018.

"The one consistency in Toronto's real estate market throughout 2019 has been

value – and it's evident from the bottom end of the market to the top," says Christopher Alexander, Executive Vice President and Regional Director, RE/MAX of Ontario-Atlantic Canada.

"Homebuyers at virtually all price points – including uber-luxe – are kicking the tires once again. As a result, momentum is building in the overall market, which is reflected in the escalation in sales at both the \$2 million and \$5 million price points."

While both the top and bottom of the luxury segment have climbed, with sales over \$2 million up just over nine per cent (1,975 versus 1,809) and an 8.5-per-cent increase in the number of \$5-million-plus homes sold year-to-date in 2019, sales of homes priced between \$3 million and \$4.99 million have lagged behind 2018 levels, down 4.7 per cent.

"Sales of luxury properties between \$3 and \$5 million are expected to climb in the year ahead as the ripple effect works its way through various price points," said Alexander. "Sales at lower price points tend to stimu-

late sales at the next level, as homebuyers trade-up to larger homes or more desirable neighbourhoods. Our research has found that the spread is narrowing with each month's sales figures."

Recovery to date has been strongest in Toronto proper, where freehold sales over \$5 million were up 26 per cent compared to one year earlier (73 versus 58 sales).

The top neighbourhoods for home sales in the \$5-million-plus category are Forest Hill and Rosedale, where transactions are on par or ahead of levels reported in 2017. York Region followed in second place with a 22-per-cent increase in sales, from nine transactions in 2018 to 11 in 2019.

One of the most interesting segments of the GTA's luxury market this year has been the condominium sector. Demand for apartments and townhomes at higher price points continues to climb as Baby Boomers and empty nesters seek to downsize.

Inventory issues have been a major obstacle in recent months, with demand outpacing supply through-

out the downtown core, placing upward pressure on prices and in some instances, creating bidding wars.

At press time, 118 upscale condominium apartments and towns were listed for sale over the \$2 million price point in Toronto proper, with an average price of \$3,510,743.

With the economy performing well, record-low unemployment levels, reasonable interest rates and

strong returns in the stock market, affluent local homebuyers are once again flexing their muscles, said Alexander.

"The fog has lifted – buoyed by solid economic factors, but also by the belief that the worst is behind us," he said. "The housing market has shifted into recovery mode. Luxury home sales are climbing, prices are stabilizing, and demand is on the upswing for upscale product."

Buyers from Mainland China are also slowly making their way back into the GTA's high-end market, this despite the non-resident speculation tax and limited access to funds, as the Chinese government restricts investment outside of the country.

During the run-up in 2016 and 2017, Chinese buyers were responsible for an estimated 60 per cent of home-buying activity over the \$6 million price point.



Brampton hospital receives prestigious designation

William Osler Health System (Osler) has received international accolades for its collaborative approach to caring for patients with cancer.

Osler was recently designated as a Centre of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care by the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), a leading non-profit organization for medical oncology.

Annually, ESMO recognizes top cancer centres from around the world that provide comprehensive services in supportive and palliative care, as part of their routine oncology patient care.

To be eligible for the designation, cancer centres undergo a rigorous process and must demonstrate 13

criteria requirements, which cover a range of topics including integration of oncology and palliative care, research, education, family support, and pain and symptom management.

Osler was among 21 international cancer centres to receive the designation this year. Only four Canadian cancer centres have ever received this designation and Osler is the first community hospital to do so.

"Osler is proud to be among the world's leading hospitals, providing cancer patients with comprehensive care that meets their oncology and palliative care needs," said Jane deLacy, Associate Vice President, Clinical Operations at Osler, on Wednesday afternoon.

"The ESMO designation is

a testament to the collaborative approach of our staff and physicians in delivering patient-inspired care every day."

Osler's Oncology and Palliative Care teams – as well as the many other supporting services and programs – drove the innovative, collaborative and integrated approach which has resulted in the prestigious designation, said Medical Director, Supportive and Palliative Care, Dr. Martin Chasen.

"The level of care Osler provides patients with cancer is unique – especially for a community hospital," said Chasen. "We are proud to deliver this international standard of care to our patients, close to home."



(L-R) Osler's Patricia Mosnia, Clinical Director of Oncology and Palliative Care, Dr. Martin Chasen, Medical Director, Supportive and Palliative Care, Dr. Rardi van Heest, Interim Medical Director of Cancer Care, and Kiki Ferrari, Executive Vice President, Clinical Operations. (Submitted Photo)

Opinion

The need for affordable housing is greater than ever

by Surjit Singh Flora

If you employ any type of measurement in civilized areas, you have presumably seen a rising number of panhandlers.

While they don't seem to be a driving force in the community, the presence of these particular few individuals has caused concern from residents and drivers over their nature.

Understandably, many people get angry when a panhandler acts aggressively toward them. If you have dealt with a panhandler, you may have wondered whether it's lawful to speak out or take action against them.

In the past, laws have reduced the rate of panhandling after they're passed, but panhandling rates always climb back up to where they were before the ban after a short time.

Individuals have been begging since the rise of this era, and they will continue panhandling, regardless of what the law has to say about it. Do you think we can legislate human nature out of existence?

An anti-panhandling law would only punish those least equipped to circumvent it. It would fill our prisons with people who only committed minor infrac-

tions, and would add further strain on an already beleaguered system.

The litigation would also be extravagant and difficult to prove. Each criminal milking taxpayers could end up with thousands when all is said and done.

That said, it's easy to see why people would want action taking against the most extreme panhandlers. They can get very pushy, getting into the personal space of residents, hovering around their vehicles and beating on windows.

Not only is that mean, offensive behaviour, but it is risky. Someone could strike

them without purpose to, or could get into an altercation severe enough to injure the panhandler. Some panhandlers even have their children with them, and put them in the crosshairs of irate residents as well.

Last week, I visited a Sikh temple in Brampton, and saw a very beautiful young, healthy woman asking for money, I tried to encourage her to find a job, and mentioned that she might make a lot more than harrasing visitors to the temple.

The next day, when I went again, she was sitting in front of the door asking for money.

I knew of a local employment agency, and the card in my pocket before my next visit. As soon as I saw her, I talked to her again and hand her the card.

As of the writing of this column, it's two weeks later and she never moved. Every day I see her at the same spot.

It seems she never wants to work hard or pay taxes - just need easy and free money.

That said, it seems to be "out of sight, out of mind" for many residents, who don't want to deal with pan-

handlers. Maybe because they don't know how to deal with them, perhaps they think they're just lazy, or maybe they don't like to be reminded of the failure of the Canadian Dream.

Programs that address the root causes of homelessness are much more effective and cost taxpayers a lot less than draconian, nanny-province laws like this.

Many of the homeless I deal with are homeless because of all of the illegal things.

In most places, a criminal record disqualifies them from housing. About half of those are for intertwined mental illness and substance abuse: more incarceration, more homelessness.

Our laws and policies have exacerbated the cycle of homelessness; none of the systems anywhere has entirely defeated the problem.

Jailing them more for the one legal way they have left to make money will not help them.

Panhandling is already illegal in most places, falling into the category of "soliciting." That doesn't stop it from happening.

Cutting off a beggar's

meager income will only make them more desperate. Some of them would turn to crime, and some would just accept that being arrested is one of a homeless person's dangers and go on begging.

I often wonder what people who propose harsh laws that affect the very most unfortunate people think will happen if their proposals are accepted. They are already living at the lowest standard. Making it harder for the homeless will only pressure them into more serious crimes.

Do you want to solve homelessness? Vote for politicians who will provide them with homes.

Some places have made panhandling illegal, and there are still people who are homeless. Not all homeless people panhandle, and the disabled who do are often doing it to pay for a cheap motel room because there isn't any room for them in a shelter.

The only thing that will actually end homelessness is homes, which means more affordable housing with permanent supports that adjust by income. Anything less is nothing more than a Band-Aid.



New report highlights increasing demand for food banks

Food is a basic human right enshrined in the International Declaration of Human Rights, yet 1 in 7 households in the GTA are food insecure. Food bank use in the region is growing at double the rate of the population, with a 4 per cent increase in the last year.

Last week, Daily Bread Food Bank, North York Harvest Food Bank and The Mississauga Food Bank released the annual Who's Hungry report, profiling hunger in the Toronto region. The report reveals the following:

- There were over 1 million food bank client visits in the Toronto region this past year. This represents a 4 per cent increase compared to the previous year.

- 98 per cent of families who responded to a survey of food bank clients are living below Canada's official poverty line. Food bank

clients report spending 74 per cent of their income on housing (an increase of 6 per cent since last year), putting them at an extremely high risk of homelessness.

- The median amount of money left for food and all other expenses after rent is paid is \$7.83 per person, per day. That amount has declined by 3 per cent since last year.

- 52 per cent of food bank clients have skipped a meal to pay a bill.

- 25 per cent of parents reported that their children go hungry at least once a month.

- 25 per cent of food bank clients identify as Black, compared to only 8 per cent of the Toronto population.

The report also shows that the greatest proportion of food bank clients are working-age adults between 19-44 years of age, living in single households. This can

be attributed to a lack of programs and supports tailored to single adults, causing this portion of the population to fall through the cracks.

"Low incomes and the rising cost of living mean that

our neighbours are struggling more and more to put food on the table. The fact that individuals have to choose between paying rent and feeding their child, is simply unacceptable," says Neil Hetherington, CEO,



Daily Bread Food Bank. "Food is basic human right, and our governments have a legal obligation to create an environment in which people have the physical and economic means to access adequate food," Hetherington added.

"It is a moral catastrophe that we live in such a rich region in a rich country and still have a million visits to food banks. In order to address food insecurity, a collaborative effort by all levels of government is required," Ryan Noble, Executive Director of North York Harvest Food Bank, explains. "It is our hope that our research and direct client experience will help form the foundation for strong public policy."

"In the past year, there has been a significant increase in food bank use in Mississauga. This alarming trend is shared with other food banks across the Toronto

Region, meaning more of our neighbours are struggling to access healthy, nutritious food," says Meghan Nicholls, Executive Director, The Mississauga Food Bank. "Who's Hungry makes it clear more action must be taken to realize each Canadian's Right to Food in their community."

The Who's Hungry report provides quantitative and qualitative data about the experience of hunger and poverty in the Toronto region.

With over 1,400 food bank clients from 51 member agencies across the Toronto region participating in research efforts, the report sheds light on food insecurity in the Toronto region and provides concrete recommendations for how all levels of government can meet their legal obligations to uphold the right to food.

Protecting Animal Welfare Across Ontario

by Sylvia Jones, MPP

Last week, I was pleased to announce the introduction of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act – or the “PAWS” Act for short.

This legislation, if passed, will better protect animals from abuse and neglect by proposing the strongest penalties in Canada for offenders, as well as a more robust enforcement system.

After the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) ended its 100-year role as the enforcement agency of Ontario’s animal welfare legislation, we took immediate action to ensure that animals remained protected throughout the province. We partnered with 13 local humane societies across the province to appoint animal welfare inspectors, and the Legislature passed interim

changes allowing us to appoint a new Chief Inspector to oversee enforcement.

During this time, we also consulted with animal welfare stakeholders from across the province, including local humane societies that assisted in protecting animals in the interim, veterinarians, technical experts, police services, municipalities, and the public.

As part of our public consultation, we received over 16,000 responses from Ontarians, and we heard loud and clear about how important that animal welfare is to the people. Because the public cares so deeply about this topic, it was important for us to take the time to consult, listen, and get it right.

Our new system will be

the strongest in Canada when it comes to the enforcement of animal welfare laws.

We have developed a province-wide model led by a Chief Inspector with provincial inspectors deployed locally, supported by local police forces and the Ontario Provincial Police for criminal investigations.

This system will also be strengthened by hiring more provincial inspectors to ensure coverage across the province, including specialists in livestock, agriculture, horses, zoos and aquariums.

This province-wide system will achieve the best outcomes for animal welfare in every corner of Ontario, while addressing concerns about a lack of oversight over the previous system.

Local humane societies

and SPCAs will continue the good work they do adopting and sheltering animals, and crown attorneys will be provided training to better support prosecutions.

In addition to this consistent enforcement model, our proposed new animal welfare system comes with stronger fines for individuals convicted of animal abuse.

For example, someone whose abuse causes an animal to die, who engages in dogfighting, or who harms a service animal would face a minimum fine of \$25,000.

All Ontarians will have access to a one-window system to report animal cruelty.

Anyone who suspects animal abuse or cruelty should call 1-833-9ANIMAL in order to have complaints in-

vestigated. For more information about the PAWS Act, visit sylviajonesmpp.ca or

call my office at 1-800-265-1603.



Mississauga moves to study bike and scooter share system

Last week, members of Mississauga’s General Committee supported a recommendation for City staff to look at a shared program of how bikes, e-bikes or e-scooters could be used for travel in Mississauga.

“Bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters offer another way for residents to travel short distances within our City,” said Helen Noehammer, Acting Commissioner, Transportation and Works. “We will look at available

options and models including publicly owned and operated, privately owned and operated as well as mixed publicly and privately owned and operated.”

The Cycling Master Plan called for the creation of bike share systems and the Transportation Master Plan recommended creating a shared system of bikes, e-bikes or e-scooters. The corporate report highlights that this kind of system is also sup-

ported by regional and provincial plans such as the Let’s Move Peel: Long Range Transportation Plan and the Ontario Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

“To determine which system would be a good fit for Mississauga, staff will review bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters that operate within a docked (devices are picked up and dropped off at specific locations) and dockless (users can park the device within certain zones) style,” Noehammer said during her presentation, and noted that in addition, staff will also review standards and safety of the shared systems.

Currently, the Ontario Highway Traffic Act doesn’t allow e-scooters on roads and sidewalks. The Government of Ontario is in the process of reviewing that Act.

The Cycling Committee and the Road Safety Committee have received presentations on these shared systems.



Partnership aims to reduce fire and carbon monoxide deaths

Earlier this week, Enbridge Gas Inc. and Brampton Fire and Emergency Services (BFES) announced that they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

BFES received 576 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero – a public education campaign that will provide more than 9,100 alarms to residents in 40 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas Inc. invested \$275,000 in Project Zero, and over the past 11 years, the program has provided more than 44,356 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide

alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

“It’s a fact – smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives, but we still see residents who don’t have them or who don’t check to ensure their alarms are working and not expired,” said Brampton Fire Chief Bill Boyes Tuesday.

“We encourage all residents to make sure they have working carbon monoxide alarms beside all sleeping areas in their home. It could save your family’s life.”





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Chinu Modi gets tribute in new Sawitri performance

An award-winning playwright will receive a fitting tribute, via a series of one-act plays that will be staged in Mississauga this weekend.

Sawitri Theatre Group will host the Canadian premiere of “Tribute to Chinu Modi”, which runs from Nov. 4-8 at Sampradaya Theatre.

The performance will consist of a series of one-act plays written by the late Chinu Modi, India’s award-winning Gujarati playwright. The performance will include *The Photographer*, *Hukum Maalik (Yes, Master)* and *Hajara Hajoor (Goddess Incarnate)*.

A poet, novelist, play-

wright and critic, Chinu Modi’s works explore many everyday themes and issues: lack of communication, isolation, the mechanical nature of modern life and the esoteric difference between truth and absolute truth.

A prolific writer, Chinu Modi’s passing in 2017 was seen as a great loss to Gujarati literature.

Founded in Jan. 2003, SAWITRI Theatre Group is an award-winning, incorporated not-for-profit organization under the artistic leadership of Jasmine Sawant and Shruti Shah, who have presented original works designed to educate, entertain and heal

through theatre arts that are South Asian in character, origin and topic and have women as the foreground, as well as issues of social or political importance.

The creative team for this weekend’s series of performances include directors Naimesh Nana-vaty and Shruti Shah, assisted by Raina Desai.

A selection of established and upcoming talent will participate in the play, including Jay Bhavsar, Raina Desai, Dhruva Dwivedi, Dimpee Shah Juman, Sunil Lariya, Moon Patel, Meeka Shah, Nishith Shah, Shruti Shah, Jimish Thakkar, Sachin Trivedi

and Milan Upadhyay.

The show will run Friday (Nov. 8) at 8 p.m., Saturday (Nov. 9) at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sunday (Nov. 10) at 4 p.m. at the

theatre, located at 3250 Ridgeway Drive, Unit #4.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, and \$25 for seniors and students 25 and under.

For more information or to reserve tickets, visit the event page at SawitriCM.eventbrite.ca.



Upcoming event asks students to shape future

WTF?

No, it’s not a confused statement, but an upcoming event that seeks to ask Brampton students what their views for the future are, and how they can best prepare themselves for upcoming opportunities.

The upcoming event, titled “WTF: We The Future: will take place next Saturday,

Nov. 16 at the Lester B. Pearson Memorial Theatre in Brampton, and will include a symposium and social event for youths aged 14 to 29.

Get ready for a day filled with impactful info sessions, a community fair where youths can connect with the City and community organizations, motivational speakers, live entertainment, a

celebration of youth achievements, and more.

Participants for the event can register for one of the info sessions at the symposium, which include an assortment of topics geared towards enlightening and inspiring youths (who are also welcome to bring their parents too).

From 4-6 p.m., participants can choose from one of several exciting topics, which will each be held twice at different times:

Entrepreneurship from the Ground Up: Connect with young, emerging and established Brampton entrepreneurs with practical and relevant advice on how to launch a business in a rapidly changing business world. Hear about their challenges, learn from their mistakes, ask them questions and be inspired by their experiences.

Panelists include Daniel Lewis (Owner, T By Daniel), Kavita Kapil (CEO & Founder, Bride + Groomed) and Shaun Ghulam (CEO, DMinded).

Civic Action! The Demo-

cratic Power of Youth: Unlock the collective democratic power of youth through civic action to build a community of engaged citizens who want an inclusive, connected and proud Brampton.

Be inspired by how Vision Brampton brought together a group of more than 20 youth and young-professional grassroots Brampton organizations to form a Young Brampton Coalition focused on a better and more inclusive Brampton for everyone! The panel will feature a keynote from Marilyn Verghis, the founder and executive director of Vision Brampton.

The Law and You – A Pathway to Understanding and Action: Understanding your legal rights as an individual can be difficult, as a youth it’s even more challenging. The legal landscape can be confusing and sometimes even intimidating.

Join Alex Battick, Lawyer & Notary Public, as he discusses the legal world as it relates to you. Not only will participants have a chance to

hear from Alex on his personal journey, his insights and advice but you will also have a chance to table your questions and concerns in a safe space.

7 Seconds to Make an Impression: Employers spend approximately seven seconds scanning your resume in their first pass through job applications. In those few seconds, you need to clearly demonstrate how your skills, experience, education and competencies match what they are looking for. Seven seconds isn’t long to make that kind of impression.

In this session, participants will learn what employers look for in a resume and how to brand yourself. Featuring Natasha Pisani, Talent Acquisition Advisor at the City of Brampton.

The event will also include an assortment of booths featuring information, tips, interactive demonstrations and more, including the following participants: Centre for Grief and Healing (BFO-HP); City of Brampton; Brampton Proud (DMinded);

Algoma University School of Business & Economics; Black Talents; Brampton Multicultural Community Centre; Girls Empowerment Movement; Hammer Heads Program; Helping Hands; LGBT Youth Line; One Voice One Team; Peel Environmental Youth Alliance; QTBIPOC sauga; Roots Community Services Inc.; Sheridan College; Stay Woke; Th.Projects; Visual Arts Brampton.

After the symposium, a special cocktail reception will be held in the theatre, beginning at 6 p.m., and include upcoming comedian Richard Brown hosting as emcee. Participants can hear from famed youth advocates, including Michael “Pinball” Clemons, Jamil Jivani, and Orlando Bowen, plus live performances from A New DAEI dance troupe, Reeko Rieffe, Selena Dhillon, and St. Roch Jam Club.

Admission is free for the symposium. For more information or to get tickets, visit the event website at eventbrite.com/e/wtf-we-the-future-registration-76456893627.



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New street in Brampton named for Sikh religion founder

by Surjit Singh Flora

Brampton City Councillors Gurpreet Singh Dhillon and Harkirat Singh have re-named a street in Brampton to honour the 550th anniversary of the Sikh religion's founder, Guru Nanak, which is coming up next week on Nov. 12.

The street, formerly known as the section of Peter Robertson Blvd between Dixie Road and Great Lakes Road, will be re-named to Guru Nanak Drive, which has resulted in mixed reviews from Brampton residents.

While the councillors were all united in the decision, the motion was not met with unanimous support by all Bramptonians, many of whom have taken to posting their dissatisfaction on social media.

Some have taken issue with the renaming because of a religious figure being involved, and that this religious connection sets a precedent whereby other religious groups could and would demand the same.

Despite that, nearly 300 residents participated in the event this past weekend, which included a tree-planting event.

Councillor Dhillon said that the tree planting was “reflective of Brampton’s values of peace and harmony, and by taking care of our environment, we are building a better world for future generations.”

In turn, Councillor Singh indicated that he was “extremely grateful” for the support the community showed for the initiative.

However, Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s universal message of peace and brotherhood is not just something that starts with a street name. It should teach people to treat all human beings as equal.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji strongly preached the brotherhood of mankind and the fatherhood of God. His universal message is peace, love, unity, mutual respect, service, and dedication to all of humankind.

He turned people from violence to peace, converted tyrants into compassionate beings, and changed painful societies into blissful communities. People of all faiths listened to his message and gained from his wise and sacred words.

Speaking personally, it seems that Brampton coun-

cil is only sowing dissent over the street naming. That’s not Guru Nanak’s message of peace, unity, and love.

He preached and promoted universal brotherhood, selfless love, peace, harmony, and servitude to all human beings. Brampton Council needs to follow his message in the right direction.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Also taught us that all human beings, regardless of skin colour, wealth, caste, and gender, are created equal.

Free sweets and langar (free kitchen) or community lunches are also offered to everyone, irrespective of religious faith.

The most important thing is that Guru Nanak Dev Ji always emphasized three rules all people should live by:

- Naam Japo (recite the name of the Lord at all times);

- Kirat Karo (do an honest day’s work);

- Wand Shako (share your food with those around you).

To follow his message and his right path, I would re-

quest that Brampton Council open up a community center on Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s name, which can collect donations and help the poor and needy.

There are many homeless people who have lost their jobs, and don’t have the resources to afford food or clothing. With winter arriving soon, there are many throughout the GTA who have perished due to these challenging circumstances.

One of the most important teaching by Guru Nanak Dev Ji includes helping the needy and the poor. Guru Ji was always ready to help the poor, and he served food to them. In fact, Guru Ji often invited the needy and the poor into his house.

Another example of Guru Ji helping the poor and the needy occurred while he was a storekeeper. Guru Nanak Dev Ji used to spend

a large part of his wages to feed the poor and the hungry. Share the earnings with less fortunate, sick, diseased, dying, and needy people.

This is what everyone needs to follow, not just through a street name.

That’s not going to do anything for the community besides hang from a street pole.



Caledon launches Digital Main Street initiative

The Town of Caledon and the Downtown Bolton Business Improvement Area (BIA) announced last week that they have received a total \$25,000 grant from Digital Main Street (DMS) to fund a Digital Service Squad to help downtown small businesses within the BIA and other communities in Caledon improve their online capabilities.

The grant was provided by the Ontario government to establish a Digital Service Squad to help main street small businesses enhance their use of digital tools and techniques to better evolve and grow. The Squad will consist of a trained specialist who will visit small businesses in Bolton and the communities of Caledon East, Caledon Village, Palgrave, Inglewood, Mono Mills, Cheltenham, Alton, Belfountain and Terra Cotta at no cost to help them set up a Google Business Profile, conduct a digital-readiness assessment

and apply for a \$2,500 Digital Transformation Grant.

“A vibrant small business sector is key to the strength of our community,” said Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, who indicated that the Town was excited to work with the Ontario BIA Association to assist main street businesses adopt revenue-generating and cost-saving technologies.

“This is an exciting opportunity for all the businesses in our area to acquire and upgrade their social media capabilities in order to better promote and operate their businesses,” added Jean Carberry, Chair of the Downtown Bolton BIA. Loucas Loucaides will be the Town’s new digital squad member and will work with businesses, said Carberry.

A joint program funded by Government of Ontario and delivered by the Ontario BIA Association, Digital Main Street helps improve how small businesses use digital tools and techniques to be-

come more successful. Today’s digital economy is vital to small businesses, and DMS will help them adopt new digital technologies from e-commerce and social media to back-office systems such as payroll and inventory.

“Our government is committed to helping small businesses improve their competitiveness, create jobs and attract investment,” said the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “That’s why I’m so pleased that businesses in Bolton and the Town of Caledon will benefit from the expertise of a Digital Service Squad to help small businesses embrace digital technology. Our investment in the Digital Main Street program will help to ensure that Ontario is open for business and open for jobs.”

The Digital Main Street initiative offers two types of grants:

Digital Transformation Grant: There are 2,000

grants of \$2,500 each available to qualifying small “main street” businesses across Ontario to help them adopt new digital technologies.

Digital Service Squad Grant: There are 300 grants of \$10,000 each available to qualifying municipal or business groups across Ontario to develop and implement local squads of digital vendors and experts to directly help small businesses.

“The Downtown Bolton BIA and the Town of Caledon are together leading the way for others across Ontario in taking advantage of Digital Main Street to help keep their downtown core vibrant and strong,” said Kay Matthews, Executive Director of the Ontario BIA Association. “Our small main street businesses are a critical contributor to Ontario’s economic, social and cultural health, and it’s

vital that we work together to ensure their success. Digital Main Street will help the main street small businesses of the Caledon and Bolton to compete in an increasingly digital world.”

Businesses will be introduced to the Digital Service Squad over the coming weeks. For further information see contacts below



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Trying to Bring Down a Giant Elephant

by Vidya Gopaul

If we look to the South of our border, that is, the United States of America, it seems that they are trying to bring down a giant elephant to the ground - and so far, it is not working, at least not yet.

Some are trying to pull its big ears to bring it down. Others are holding its tail and trying to bring it down. Still others are trying to sit on the top and trying to bring it down. Some are using its trunk to bring it down. If that isn't effective, then they try latching onto its legs.

It is very much like a scenario in one of the National Geographic shows, where a lion climbs on the back of a zebra and tries to bring it down. Another one grabs it by its throat and tries to bring the zebra down. Still other will latch on to its tail and try to bring it down.

It is very similar to what is happening to Donald Trump, the President of the United States. Everyone who has an opportunity is trying to bring him down, and that include, people in the past he has dealt with, the present people he is dealing with, Democrats, his own lawyers, staff members and just about everyone who gets a chance.

It seems that some are

pulling him down by his hands, others his head, shoulder, coats and some even seem like they are latching on to his legs. So far, he just keeps on marching.

It started with two adult film actresses, Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal. With the help of their lawyer, Michael Avenatti, they were trying to accuse Trump for "hush-hush" payments to cover up the affairs they had with him before the 2016 election. That case failed badly and, in turn, Stormy Daniels had to pay Trump back some money. Trump kept on marching.

Then came the famous investigation by Robert Mueller regarding the Russian interference into the 2016 US election. That went on for two years, and Trump survived that coup too. Trump kept on marching.

Numerous people who worked with him and others who did not work with him tried to profit by writing books about him - of what a very bad, immoral, domineering, bullying and ruthless president he is. These include books by Michael Wolff (*Fire and Fury*), Bob Woodward (*Fear*), Omarosa Manigault Newman (*Unhinged*) and

James Comey (*A Higher Loyalty*).

A journalist, Major Garrett, got on the bandwagon too to give his two cents of negative analysis of Trump's White House.

I am surprised that Ronan Farrow did not dehumanize him in his book *Catch and Kill*. Believe it or not, Trump survived all those allegations too. Trump kept on marching.

The latest maneuver from the Democrats is to conduct impeachment proceedings against him because of a call he made to the President of Ukraine.

A few days ago Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House Of Representatives, took a vote to formally proceed with the impeachment inquiry and the votes were on party line - that is, all Democrats voted "Yes" to impeach Trump and all Republicans voted "No" not to impeach him.

I am sure Trump will survive this one too and will keep on marching, because when the final votes are taken by the U.S. Senators, they will definitely vote on the party line - the majority are Republican senators.

What are the qualities of Donald Trump that so far no one has been able to bring

him down? From the latest poll done, it is found that the support from his base voters is very steady and is hovering in the 80 to 90 per cent range.

In Canada, if we wanted to oust our Prime Minister, we do it in a very simple and cost effective method. That is, we just take a vote of confidence in our house of Parliament, and he or she is out in one day. But in the U.S., to oust a president, you have to go through a long, winding and tedious impeachment process. That could take weeks, if not months.

If the Americans are worrying that Trump could become a dictator because he has made friends with Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, rest assured that it will not happen because of the way the American political system has been implemented.

First, there are always "checks and balances" preformed by all types of committees in the government. Second, a U.S. president can only serve for two terms.

The political system in the U.S. has been designed in such a way that you can never elect a minority government and

also cannot elect the same president for more than eight years.

It was implemented in that method in order to be different from the political systems of yesteryears of Europe.

Hence, it would prevent creating dictators, such as Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Kim Jong-il, Roberto Mussolini, Saddam Hussein and Fidel Castro.

Trump is defying the regular norms of U.S. politics for two reasons. First, he is looking beyond his presidency, and that is, he just may do his own business with those leaders in the future.

Second, he is just saying, "Hey, look I am already rich and famous. I can do whatever I want and do not have to follow the politically correct etiquettes of a US presidency."

Consequently, he denies climate change, the existence of NATO and the UN, and keeps making friends with Putin and Kim Jong-un. Surprisingly, he has not made friends with the leader of Cuba. Wonder why?

In our last federal election in Canada, Barack Obama and Martin Luther King III showed support for Justin Trudeau. The verdict is out there. Some are calling it "en-

dorsement" and others are calling it "political interference." Hence, you decide?

Imagine, would Trump have been publicly endorsed by Andrew Scheer to be the next Prime Minister of Canada?

Criticizing Trump for why he is making friends with Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong-un and Xi Jinping is not helping the cause either.

On one hand, Americans are critical of him and yet behind the closed doors, they are doing business with Russia, China, North Korea and other non-Democratic countries.

If it was not for the Russians, Americans would not be able to go to the International Space Station. Americans used the Russian-made rocket ship, Soyuz, to reach the International Space Station, and they all are launched from Russia.

There are a lot of Americans and Canadians who are visiting Russia, China, North Korea and other non-Democratic countries as tourists. Therefore, what is the truth?

Why bother wasting time, effort and money to take this giant elephant down when it may just fall down by itself in the next election!



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Holiday season begins with tree-lighting festivities

by Alex Gregory

Christmas is kicking off early this year, as Peel Region will host a number of tree-lighting ceremonies and activities to help ring in the holiday season in style!

In Brampton, the much-loved Winter Lights Festival returns on Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16, with a number of milestone anniversaries and exciting activities for residents of all ages!

Ken Whillans Square will be packed with on-lookers for the tree-lighting ceremony, which takes place Friday evening from 6-9 p.m.

Visitors to the Square can enjoy light installations in the downtown core, live entertainment, activities treats and more throughout the evening - and enjoy the lighting of the 60-foot spruce tree with over 10,000 Christmas lights!

Visitors are also encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to support the Peel Regional Police Toys for Tots campaign; a non-perishable food donation for the Brampton Food Sharing Network;

or an item of clothing for donation to the Meridian Credit Union booth, who will donate collected pieces to the Brampton Knights Table. Drop-off donations can be made at the City Hall entrance on Main Street during the Friday evening festivities.

The annual Christmas Market will also run from 4-10 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Saturday, boasting unique gifts and treats for recipients to enjoy, as well as an assortment of things to see and try, including a carousel and much more.

The annual Brampton Santa Claus Parade will celebrate an incredible 25 years with a special parade being held on Saturday, Nov. 16, beginning at 5 p.m.

The annual parade, presented by the Rotary Club of Brampton, is the largest single-day event in the Region of Peel and the largest nighttime parade in Canada!

The spectacle of twinkling lights, floats, marching bands, and costume characters will head south along Main

Street from Sproule Drive to Elgin Drive.

For more details, including the parade route, parade history and road closures, visit brampton-santaclausparade.com.

In Caledon, Bethell Hospice Foundation will host their sixth annual Christmas Market on Nov. 16 at the Caledon Country Club (2121 Olde Baseline Road), from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This seasonal market includes plenty of home-made items, collectibles, art and treats for visitors to check out and enjoy, as well as proceeds supporting the local charity.

The event will also include a silent auction with a variety of items, including sports tickets, flying lessons and much more!

For more information on the event, visit foundation.bethellhospice.org or email the event organizer, Carol Walker, at cwalker1938@rogers.com.

Mississauga will "Light Up the Square" on Nov. 23 with a community event at Celebration

Square, featuring an official tree lighting ceremony, interactive events and more!

The tree lighting ceremony will kick off with Mayor Bonnie Crombie and members of council, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Big Sound will also be performing live in concert at 6 and 7:30

p.m., presenting an incredible Motown experience with a holiday twist.

The event will also include interactive illuminated musical bikes, LED Glow Swings, a giant eight-foot Light Brite Wall, a Pop-Up Planetarium, Selfie Stop with characters from Disney's *Frozen*, an appearance

from Santa (who will be on-hand to take photos) and much more!

The event runs from 5 - 9 p.m. - for more information, visit the City of Mississauga website at culture.mississauga.ca/event/celebration-square/light-square-2019.



New exhibition sees local artists spark conversation

One of Mississauga's up-and-coming art hangouts will host a new exhibition later this year which aims to bring more conversations over emerging and established art forms.

Feel It! Project is an Art Fusion initiative by CreateConvergence, which aims to spark conversation and appreciation for multiple art forms.

The creative interpretation of musician Anthony Barr, visual artist Angela Chao and poet Susan Ksiezopolski comes together to create art that conveys emotions.

The resulting art pieces will help fuel exchanges that expand awareness, alter percep-

tions and create spaces for healing, the group said in a statement earlier this week.

Awarded a Fusion Grant funded by the Mississauga Arts Council, Rama Gaming Centre and City of Mississauga, Feel It! is an innovative collaborative art project that expresses the range of human emotion through the fusion of music, art and poetry.

The exhibition will have an opening reception on Dec. 7 at Studio 89 (1065 Canadian Place, #1), running from 2-5 p.m.

Following the opening reception, the exhibition will be hosted in a series of pop-up exhibits throughout the city.

From Jan. 2 - 31, 2019,

the exhibition will run at Mississauga Central Library (301 Burnhamthorpe Road West), located at the yellow wall on the second floor. The library will also host an Artist Talk on Jan. 11, from 2-5 p.m.

On Feb. 6, 2020, the exhibition will be hosted at Common Ground Cafe (157 Lakeshore Road West) from 7-10 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 8 and Sunday, Feb. 9, the exhibition will move to Dixie Outlet Mall (1250 South Service Road), running from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

For more information, visit the artist website at createconvergence.com.



Orchestra pays tribute to Veterans during concert

A local orchestra will be paying tribute to Canadian Veterans this Sunday during a special concert being held at the Living Arts Centre.

The Mississauga Symphony Youth Orchestra will begin their 2019/20 season with a concert that will celebrate living in a time of peace while remembering those who served in the conflicts of the past.

The concert, titled *A Celebration of Peace and Remembrance*, the two hour concert will feature popular and classical works, including: *Amazing Grace*, *Fanfare and Flourishes*, *Gustav Holst's Jupiter*, and *Dies Irae* from W.A. Mozart's *Requiem*. Tickets are \$30.

The 173-person Mississauga Symphony Youth Orchestra is part of Orchestras Mississauga, which that offers music education and performance opportunities to young classical musicians.

Led by Maestro Denis Mastromonaco, the MSYO has quickly estab-

lished itself as Mississauga's foremost youth orchestra.

The MSYO is comprised of three performing ensembles, each tailored to a specific musical and educational outcome: the Sinfonietta, an all-strings ensemble designed for musicians aged 10-14; the Symphonic Band, an intermediate orchestra designed for musicians 12-18; and a full Symphony Orchestra designed for highly skilled musicians aged 14-21.

Next week, the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra will also host their first-ever Open Rehearsal, a free event open to members of the public who want to see the work that goes into each performance.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the MSO will open the doors to Hammerson Hall for a behind the scenes look at a working rehearsal.

Watch and listen as the MSO rehearse soul-stirring works by Antonin Dvořák, Sergei Rachmaninoff and George Enescu, all of which will

be performed as a part of Symphonic Dances, the next concert in their 2019/20 season.

Seating will be determined on a first come, first served basis. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m. Rehearsal will begin at 7:30pm.

The MSO is designated as one of Mississauga's six pillars of arts, culture and heritage. The orchestra offers entertaining and increasingly sophisticated programs from the classic and popular repertoires of symphonic music, all performed to

the highest artistic standards.

The orchestra also provides performance opportunities and personal development to talented amateurs while assisting young professional performers and composers through solo perform-

ance opportunities, commissions and mentoring.

For more information about both performances, or to get tickets for either show, visit the MSO website at mississaugasymphony.ca.



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Ceremonies and parades mark 2019 Remembrance Day

by Alex Gregory

This Remembrance Day (Monday, Nov. 11), a number of parades and services are being planned throughout the region, beginning with several kick-off ceremonies this week.

Brampton marked the start of Remembrance Day ceremonies (and the annual Poppy Campaign, run by the Royal Canadian Legion) last Friday during a ceremony at Ken Whillians Square.

Members of Branch 15 and 609 were on-hand, along with dignitaries, to oversee the ceremony, which included an official flag raising ceremony at the community flagpole. Funds raised will di-

rectly support Canada's serving and retired veterans and their families, while helping to ensure Canadians never forget the tremendous efforts of those who serve.

The campaign will run until Nov. 11.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, a candlelight service will be held at Gage Park's Veteran Statue (48 Main Street South), beginning at 7:30 p.m. The following weekend, the city will host a parade and Service of Remembrance at Chinguacousy Park's Memorial Plaza (9050 Bramalea Road), beginning at 10:55 a.m. Several roads will also be closed on Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., including Central Park Drive from Hanover Road to Queen Street East (southbound lanes only) and Queen Street East from Central Park Drive to Laurelcrest Street/West Drive (west-

bound lanes only).

In Caledon, the Town will host a Remembrance Day service at its Municipal Offices (6311 Old Church Road) on Nov. 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The following Nov. 10, Alton Legion will host a service starting at 10 a.m., along with a service at the Bolton Cenotaph starting at 12:30 p.m..

Two parades will be held in Mississauga prior to Remembrance Day, including a parade on Nov. 3, hosted at the Army Navy and Air Force Headquarters (765 Third Street, Unit 262), beginning at 10:15 a.m. and followed by a ceremony at 11 a.m. The following Sunday, Nov. 10, Royal Canadian Legion - Cooksville Branch 582 (456 Hensall Circle) will host a parade, beginning at 10:15 a.m. at the Legion.

On Remembrance Day

(Monday, Nov. 11), several parades will take place in all three cities. A Sunrise Service will be hosted at Meadowvale Cemetery Chapel (7732 Mavis Road), beginning at 7:55 a.m. A parade and Service of Remembrance will be held at Ken Whillians Square's Memorial Cenotaph, beginning at 10:55 a.m. In Mississauga, a Remembrance Parade will begin at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 82 (35 Front Street North) at 9:30 a.m., followed by a church service at Trinity-St. Paul Port Credit (26 Stavebank Road) and a ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Cenotaph at Vimy Park (29 Stavebank Road) at 11 a.m.

For more information, including road closures and service updates, visit the City websites at [mississauga.ca](#), [brampton.ca](#) and [caledon.ca](#).



Celebrating Our Fallen Heroes: Remembrance Day in Dufferin-Caledon

by Sylvia Jones, MPP

The month of November is an important time for all Canadians to thank those who serve and have served our nation in defence of liberty, peace, and our shared values.

It is also a time to remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Our country has a rich history of leadership in the worldwide effort defending

rights and freedoms, led by our Canadian Armed Forces. During the World Wars, as peacekeepers, in support of our allies in conflicts around the world, and assisting in security

and training at home and abroad, Canada's service members are always ready to answer the call of service.

Across Canada and in Dufferin-Caledon, we are blessed to have many opportunities during November to recognize and remember Canada's fallen heroes. On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Town of Caledon is hosting a Remembrance Day service at 12:30 p.m. at the Town of Caledon Municipal Offices.

The following Sunday, Nov. 10, Alton Legion is hosting a service starting at 10 a.m., and there will be a service at the Bolton Cenotaph starting at 12:30 p.m..

On Nov. 11, there will be a number of services across our community. The Shelburne Legion will be hosting a morning service at 9:45 a.m., followed by a parade to the cenotaph outside Town Hall and a

service at 11 a.m. In Orangeville, the parade starts at the Orangeville Legion at 10:30 a.m., ending at Alexandra Park where there will be an outdoor service at the cenotaph at 11 a.m.

The Town of Grand Valley will host a service at the cenotaph at Main and Amaranth Street, starting at 10:30 a.m. Finally, the Mansfield Women's Institute will host a service at the Mansfield Park cenotaph on Airport Road, starting at 10:30 a.m..

In addition, many schools, churches, service organizations, and seniors' homes will be hosting their own Remembrance Day services.

Your office or workplace may also host a Remembrance Day event or service - if not, this may be an opportunity for you to organize your own in order to increase awareness among your coworkers

about the sacrifices of Canada's fallen heroes.

Veterans' Affairs Canada also provides a valuable history of the many contributions that Canadian veterans have made at home and abroad. Visit [veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history](#) to learn more.

If you won't be in Dufferin-Caledon during Remembrance Day, our government has made it easier to find a Remembrance Day service near to wherever you will be in Ontario.

Visit [Ontario.ca/RemembranceDay](#) to search for Remembrance Day services throughout the province.

No matter where you are this Remembrance Day, please take some time to remember and honour those who chose to fight for our freedom. Let's not forget.





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